

## Message Text

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O 011244Z AUG 77  
FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4753  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE  
AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 3724

SY CHANNEL

DEPT FOR A/SY/CC; CAIRO FOR RSO/SY ADVANCE; ALEXANDRIA FOR  
SAIC SY/PRS/ROCHE, SY ADVANCE; DAMASCUS FOR RSO/SY ADVANCE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC (VANCE, CYRUS R.)  
SUBJ: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST - BEIRUT INTELLIGENCE  
ESTIMATE

REF: STATE 175984

1. POST'S INITIAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE IS THAT THE  
SEC STATE'S VISIT SHOULD PROCEED SAFELY. WE HAVE NO REPEAT  
NO THREAT INFORMATION AGAINST THE SECRETARY OR HIS PARTY.
2. (A) DEMONSTRATIONS/POLITICAL ACTIVITIES: WE HAVE NO  
INFORMATION SUGGESTING THAT ANY GROUPS PLAN TO STAGE ANY  
DEMONSTRATIONS OR PROTESTS EITHER AGAINST OR IN CONJUNCTION  
WITH SECSTATE'S VISIT. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE ARAB  
SECURITY FORCE (ASF) OR THE LEBANESE SECURITY FORCES (GOL/ISF)  
WOULD PERMIT ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD IN ANYWAY  
MENACE THE SECRETARY.

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(B) TERRORIST ACTIVITY: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT  
ANY OF THE MAJOR OR MINOR TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT  
IN LEBANON PLAN ANY ACTION AGAINST THE SECRETARY. IT IS  
UNDERSTOOD THAT AL-FATAH IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO SEE  
THAT THEIR MEMBERS MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES OF OTHER  
ORGANIZATIONS TO SEE THAT THEY DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE  
VISIT.

(C) POLITICAL CLIMATE: THIS COULD BE BEST DESCRIBED AS EXPECTANT OPTIMISM. THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES, BOTH LEFT AND RIGHT, ARE AWAITING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT WITH GREAT EXPECTATION. AS A RESULT MOST ARE ADOPTING A WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE. THEIR REACTIONS WILL DEPEND UPON HOW EACH ELEMENT PERCEIVES THE VISIT'S RESULTS.

3. MAJOR ACTIVITY WHICH IS OCCURRING CONCURRENT WITH THE SECRETARY'S VISIT IS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAIRO ACCORDS WHICH ARE THE RULES FOR PALESTINIANS OF CONDUCT AND MILITARY ACTION IN LEBANON. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF TENSION PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION DAY (30 JULY) THE FACT THAT IT PASSED QUIETLY HAS GREATLY ENCOURAGED THE LOCAL POPULATION. ALL THE GROUPS AT PRESENT ARE ADHERING TO THE AGREEMENTS AND THE CITY IS QUIET.

4. THE INTENSE FEUDING AMONG THE VARIOUS PALESTINIAN GROUPS, PARTICULARLY SAIQA AND THE REJECTION FRONT, HAS CAUSED THE GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION TO DETERIORATE RAPIDLY BUT THE FIRE FIGHTS ETC. ARE GENERALLY LOCALIZED AND HAVE BEEN CONTAINED BY THE ARAB SECURITY FORCE.

5. ANY CHANGES/MODIFICATIONS WILL BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY.  
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